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SUBJ: IMPREST FUNDING FOR BLRD

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GCOB CABINET HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT GCOB WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL FUNDING OF BLRD PROJECT AND THE 1975 CONTRIBUTION WHICH IS FOR THIRD YEAR OF PROJECT WILL AMOUNT TO \$56,000. CABINET DID NOT, HOWEVER, MAKE DECISION REGARDING AMOUNT OF FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR BAHAMIAN CONTRIBUTIONS. CABINET ALSO ACCEPTED LIF OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITHOUT ANY CHANGES.

2. OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPREST FUNDING AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY KOENIG AND THE GCOB TREASURY AND MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE IS READY TO ADMINISTER AGREEMENT AS SOON AS IT IS SIGNED.

3. ONLY ACTION NEEDED BEFORE IMPREST FUNDING AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED IS APPROVAL ON WORDING OF FIRST NUMBERED PARAGRAPH OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT. EMBASSY, AGRICULTURE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAVE AGREED TO FOLLOWING TEXT:

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QUOTE: BOTH GOVERNMENTS SHALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE LOCAL IMPREST FUND. IN THE FIRST AND SECOND YEAR OF THE PROJECT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL MEET LOCAL EXPENDITURES 100 PERCENT. THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL CONTRIBUTE 10 PERCENT OF THE LOCAL COSTS FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE PROGRAM (JANUARY 18, 1975 TO JANUARY 17, 1976). IN THE FOURTH AND FIFTH YEARS OF THE PROJECT (JANUARY 18, 1976 TO JANUARY 17, 1977 AND JANUARY 18, 1977 TO JANUARY 17, 1978), THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE GCOB AND THE EXACT AMOUNTS COMMUNICATED TO AID BY JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR. END QUOTE.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED LANGUAGE WHICH OBLIGATED GCOB TO CONSULT WITH US PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING THOSE AMOUNTS, WE ARE SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED BASIC USG OBJECTIVE OF GAINING GCOB LOCAL CURRENCY CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT. YOU WILL RECALL THAT PROPOSAL FOR SUCH A CONTRIBUTION ORIGINATED WITH EMBASSY AND IDEA WAS GREETED ORIGINALLY WITH SOME DISMAY BY MINAG. NEVERTHELESS APPROACHES MADE UP TO AND INCLUDING PM RESULTED IN GCOB AGREEMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE AND TO PRECISELY THE PERCENTAGE WE PROPOSED FOR THIS YEAR. MOREOVER, WE ARE AWARE, ON BASIS OF VERY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, THAT GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE PROJECT AND SEES PROJECT AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF GOVERNMENT'S DRIVE TO IMPROVE OVERALL AGRICULTURAL SUFFICIENCY. FINALLY, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, GIVEN CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE BETWEEN AID PROJECT DIRECTOR AND HIS BAHAMIAN COUNTERPART, PLUS OUR CONTINUING CLOSE CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENT ON THIS PROJECT HERE IN NASSAU, PRIOR CONSULTATION ON FUTURE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS BY GCOB WILL IN FACT TAKE PLACE. THIS WILL NOT GUARANTY THAT WE WILL GET PRECISE AMOUNTS WE WANT FOR FUTURE YEARS AND NO LANGUAGE WE WRITE NOW CAN GUARANTY THIS. IN THE LAST ANALYSIS THIS CAN ONLY BE MADE LIKELY BY DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS OF PROJECT. THUS, PRIORITY OBJECTIVE IN EMBASSY'S VIEW IS NOW TO GET AGREEMENT SIGNED AND OPERATING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY KNOWS THAT TEXT REFLECTS AS FAR AS GCOB CAN OR WILL GO AT THIS TIME. GCOB HAS IN FACT GONE FURTHER THAN WAS EXPECTED. ANY USG EFFORT TO MAKE TEXT MORE SPECIFIC IN OUR VIEW WOULD RISK LOSS OF ALL PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE ON THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTION, AND AT A MINIMUM INVOLVE EXTENSIVE DELAY IN SETTING UP THE FUND.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT AID APPROVES PROPOSED TEXT AND CABLE CONFIRMATION ASAP.  
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